GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY PAK
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Pakistan has threatened India with nuclear attack as reported in the `Hindustan` dated April 7, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) Government has seen reports to this effect, as reported in `Der Spiegel` and reflecte subsequently in our print media. Government continues to closely monitor all developments related to Pakistan`s nuclear and missile programme. It remains fully committed to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India`s security and national interests.